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For: IRON COMPOUND CATALYST FOR INHIBITING GENERATION OF DIOXIN  
AND INCINCERATION PROCESS OF MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE USING  
THE SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Delete the current Abstract and replace it with the attached Abstract

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claim 1.

Add the following new claims:

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